

IV. REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PRIOR ART CITED IN PARENT APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Under MPEP § 609, an Examiner is mandated to consider the prior art submitted in a parent application and that such information need not be resubmitted unless the applicant desires the information to be printed on the face of the patent. (MPEP, Page 600-119.) Applicants hereby respectfully request the Examiner to consider such art.

Applicants have submitted an Information Disclosure Statement identifying a publication of a copending application, Serial No. 09/815,113 which was published as U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0137365. That application was previously reviewed by the Examiner in the parent application.

Applicants recently filed a divisional application of the 09/815,113 application on November 6, 2003 and that application was given Serial No. 10/702,299. In that divisional application, original claims 25-47 and 58-61 of the '113 application are now being prosecuted and a copy of the preliminary amendment filed in said divisional application is submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner for double patenting purposes.

V. REMARKS

This is an Preliminary Amendment filed in a continuation application of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/815/115, filed March 21, 2001.

By the present amendment, applicants seek to obtain protection for a disclosed, but unclaimed embodiment of the inventions disclosed in the specification, namely a pressure contact or LGA connector in which the flexible body portion comprises a sheet of film as shown in FIG. 29 of the Drawings and on Page 25 of the specification and which has solder balls attached to one of both opposing ends of its contacts as shown in FIG. 20 and which is also described on Page 25. This embodiment is claimed in new claims 62-82. New claim 83 is directed to the embodiment shown in FIG. 29 of the Drawings in which the body portion of the connector comprises a film extent.

An Information Disclosure Statement also accompanies this filing and contains a Preliminary Amendment from Serial No. 10/7602,299 which seeks to prosecute claims 25-47 and 58-61 of a copending and allowed application Ser. No. 09/815,113. New claims 62-68 are also contained in that Preliminary Amendment. This is submitted to the Examiner for review and clearance of any double patenting issues. The Examiner is requested under MPEP to review the prior art made of record in the parent of this application, Serial No. 09/815,115 and to indicate in the first Office Action that such art has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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